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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were approved by the Assembly, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316 on further measures for the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, decided that in July of each year the General Committee would conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and would also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report would include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 70/516); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 70/521); Second Committee (decision 70/549); Third Committee (decision 70/537); and Sixth Committee (decision 70/527).

4. With a view to assisting the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-first session. The draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

First week (13-16 September)

Tuesday p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session (A/71/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

Second week (19-23 September)	
Monday	High-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (decision 70/539 and resolution 70/290)
Tuesday to Friday	General debate [8][3]
Third week (26-30 September)	
Monday-Thursday	General debate [8]
Fourth week (3-7 October)	**[Organizational, administrative and other matters]**
Wednesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [108]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday	Sport for development and peace [11]
Fifth week (10-14 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]: joint debate
	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [116]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Development of Africa]
Friday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [62 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [12]: joint debate

[3] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Sixth week (17-21 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [118]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [119]: joint debate
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday	The situation in Afghanistan [36]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Commemoration of the abolition of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade [117]
Seventh week (24-28 October)	
Monday	*United Nations Day concert (to be confirmed)*
Wednesday	**[Maintenance of international peace and security]**
	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [39]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	Report of the International Court of Justice [70]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	Election of fourteen members of the Human Rights Council [113 (d)]
Eighth week (31 October-4 November)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	Report of the International Criminal Court [72]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Wednesday	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]: plenary meeting on the socioeconomic and environmental effects of the 2015/16 El Niño phenomenon (resolution 70/110)
Thursday, p.m.	Election of the members of the International Law Commission [113 (b)]

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [113 (a)]
	2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [114 (g)]
	3. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [114 (h)]
Ninth week (7-11 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [120]
	[Promotion of justice and international law; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [71]; International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [126]: joint debate
	[Promotion of human rights]
Thursday	Report of the Human Rights Council [63]
Tenth week (14-18 November)	
	[Disarmament]
Tuesday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [87]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [116]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [121 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday	1. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [15]
	2. Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him [127]
Eleventh week (21-25 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [123 (a) to (y)]
Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving)*
Twelfth week (28 November-4 December)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday p.m.-Wednesday a.m. and p.m.	1. Question of Palestine [35]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [34]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [30]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Friday	Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal [114 (l)]
Thirteenth week (5-9 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	Oceans and the law of the sea [73 (a) and (b)]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	1. Culture of peace [14]
	2. Global health and foreign policy [124]
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Thursday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [69 (a) to (d)]

Monday, 12 December	**[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]** 1. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)] 2. Prevention of armed conflict [31] 3. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [32] 4. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [33] 5. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [37] 6. Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [113 (c)] 7. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [125] (12 December: end of 13 weeks)

Plenary items not scheduled for debate during the main part of the session[4]

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS [10]

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [66]

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [29]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [109]: joint debate

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [111 (a)][5]

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [111 (b)][5]

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Appointment of members of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns [114 (i)]

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme [114 (j)]

[4] Item 112, entitled "Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations", will be scheduled during the main part of the session on a date to be determined.

[5] The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/307, decided to conduct the elections of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and the members of the Economic and Social Council about six months before the elected members assume their responsibilities, beginning at the seventieth session.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [114 (k)]

Multilingualism [122]

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [110]

Report of the Security Council [28] (see S/2015/944)